comes from a backward community. If the news that she has resigned is correct, it is very unfortunate. As the Speaker you should make an enquiry into the matter. I do not want to take any names. I only want the safety to be given to that lady Member. I would plead that that hon. Member may be contacted either on phone or by some other method and her safety be ensured. If there is anything untoward, that should be done away with.

[*Translation*]

KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH (Raigarh): The hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs is present here. I would like to ask him either the police department is meant for the security of the public or for spreading terror among them? I would like to bring to your notice the instance of terror spread by police in my district Raigarh in Madhya Pradesh. A couple of days back in the village of Dhengurjor an *adivasi* was killed and an *adivasi* girl was gang raped When she wanted to lodge a complaint no one paid heed to what she had to say. She wandered from one place to another in the police station but no one extended assistance to her. When the villagers endeavoured to collectively help her and take up her case, a villager was killed by the police. I would request you to conduct a C.B.I. enquiry into this case as the people of Raigarh have lost faith in the police of Madhya Pradesh.

SHRI HARADHAN RAI (Asansol): The Hukum Chand textile mill situated in Madhya Pradesh is closed for the last 6–7 months. Six thousand five hundred labourers were employed in this mill but when they resorted to agitation and blocked the road in Indore for opening the mill, the B.J.P. Government took them into custody. In the cold nights of December they were neither provided blankets nor food A labourer succumbed to his injuries in the hospital and another is still lying unconscious in the hospital after being lathi charged by the police. The mill has not opened so far and the labourers are demanding to open it at the earliest. They are also demanding for full compensation in the case of the deceased and for the injured. Apart from this I would like to urge that an enquiry should be conducted into the beating of labourers and in manhandling them by the Police.

12.31 hrs.

[SHRI SHARAD DIGHE *in the Chair*]

SHRI ASHTABHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA (Khalilabad): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the need to open a separate institution at national level to boost small scale industries in the country is being felt for a long time and a demand to this effect is being made. A Bill to establish an autonomous body under the full control of Indian Industrial Development Bank was brought in this House in May 1989 and was passed.

Sir, this Bill had the provision of making Lucknow the head office of this bank but unfortunately although this bank started functioning from 2nd April 1990 but the head office has not been transferred to Lucknow despite passing of two years. I would like to know from the Government as to why the head office of this bank has not been transferred to Lucknow inspite of the bill being passed and decision taken to this effect thereon? I urge the Government to establish the head office of this Indian Industrial Bank at Lucknow. Thank you.

[*English*]

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay North): Sir, right form the re-organisation of States in the 1950s, there is a border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka. Many towns and villages which ought to have come to Maharashtra are in Karnataka. Maharashtra

legislature has passed unanimous Resolutions more than twice. Late Prime Ministers – Shrimati Indira Gandhi and Shri Rajiv Gandhi – had also promised that this issue will be settled. In all the successive elections right from 1956, border areas are continuously electing. *Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti* Members as MLAs. They are conducting their agitation in a peaceful and democratic way.

Now, what is happening is that one of the MLAs from Belgaum Shri V.Y. Chavan has given a threat, saying that in spite of the democratic elections, since their voice are not being heard by the Government, he would do self–immolation. If he does it, again there will be a serious problem. their main grievance is that there is cultural and educational assault on their social life by the Government of Karnataka.

So, I demand that the Prime Minister must intervene, he must call the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra and Karnataka and sort out the issue once and for all so that these things would not continue and the people in the border areas can remain in a peaceful way. That is my demand and the Government should make a statement on this. Thank you.

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADYAY (Krishnagar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is reported in today's Press that negotiation is going on with the World Bank in Washington the enhancement of loan for the National Renewal Fund and that the top officials of the Industry Ministry are conducting the negotiations. It is because of the fact that a number of, not only the sick and chronically sick public sector units, but also the profit making public sector units like BHEL, MMTC, STC, etc. are also going to be included in the hit list which will make a huge number of workers redundant. The number will be much more bigger than what was contemplated earlier. Hence the need for enhancement of the National Renewal Fund. The so-called Fund is nothing but an integral part of obnoxious exit policy. All the national trade unions, including INTUC, alongwith a vast section of public opinion, are against this National Renewal Fund. But despite that, Government is negotiating on that. They are making appeals one after another.

I request you to ask the Government to desist from such activities.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat): Sir, it is reported in a section of Press today that some officials of th Industries Ministry of our Government are currently in Washington and having negotiations with the World Bank representatives. The issue is the question of increasing the National Renewal Fund quantum. It is very much related with the proposed exit policy of our country. The exit policy has not been properly defined by the Government as yet. This Parliament has not had the opportunity of knowing what are the different components of the exit policy which is hanging as a Damocles' sword on the heads of the working class as a whole.

It is further reported that Industries Ministry has prepared a detailed note in the matte of this Renewal Fund. This note incorporates the legal aspects. It incorporates the anticipates the legal aspects. It incorporates the anticipated contribution from the Central Government, State Governments, financial institutions and private industries also. This note also includes the unitwise estimates of the surplus workers in various public sector undertakings. It is also hinted that the list of surplus workers will go beyond the 58 chronically sick units prepared by the Department of Public Enterprises. A note on it was circulated to the Members of Parliament by the Ministry of Labour.

In this case, I again bring it to your notice. Since this is a matter of policy, this Parliament has got the right to discuss about